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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kenneth Green, 23, of Madison, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine and to possessing four firearms in furtherance of that drug crime.

On February 10, 2007, Madison Police Department officers were working with a confidential informant who arranged to purchase crack cocaine from Green in the 7000 block of Flower Lane. After Green arrived at that location, officers attempted to arrest him and Green threw some crack cocaine out of the car window. The crack cocaine was subsequently recovered in the snow and officers recovered more crack cocaine in the car. Green was arrested and a search incident to arrest revealed \$,2232 in his pants pocket.

Green's girlfriend was a passenger in the car and she gave consent for officers to search her apartment on Rosenberry Road. In the apartment officers recovered approximately 100 grams of crack cocaine, a scale, packaging material, and \$5,000 hidden in the sleeve of a child's coat. Under furniture and furniture cushions in the

living room, officers recovered 4 loaded handguns. Officers also recovered documents in Green's name, with the Rosenberry Road address listed.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for August 3, 2007, at 1:20 p.m. Green faces a mandatory minimum five-year sentence and a forty-year maximum sentence on the drug offense, and a mandatory five-year consecutive sentence for the firearms offense.

The charges against Green were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the West Community Policing Team. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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